

HOUSE BILL 852

By Leatherwood

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to  
student retention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3115(a)(2)(A), is amended by  
adding the following as a new subdivision:

(vi)

(a) The student has demonstrated growth:

(1) Above the national norm as evidenced by the student's  
composite score on the Tennessee universal reading screener, as  
defined in § 49-1-903, or on the universal reading screener approved by  
the state board of education administered to the student by the student's  
LEA or public charter school; and

(2) In standards mastery based on the student's scores on a  
state-adopted benchmark assessment administered to the student by the  
student's LEA or public charter school.

(b) The state board of education shall provide each LEA and public  
charter school the national norm for universal reading screeners and the  
measure constituting standards mastery on a state-adopted benchmark  
assessment for purposes of this subdivision (a)(2)(A)(vi);

(c) As used in this subdivision (a)(2)(A)(vi):

(1) "National norm" means the scores, classifications, and score distribution percentiles for universal reading screeners that are reported and calibrated using a representative national sample; and

(2) "National sample" means a sample of students that represents the population of students throughout the United States;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.